



The Scarlet Letter

Nathaniel Hawthorne GROUP CHAPTER ANALYSIS #2

With your group, search your assigned chapter for the following items:

- ☐ Two **symbolic descriptions** (record where and what they are; write a paragraph about the possible symbolic value)
- ☐ Two examples of **irony** (copy them, cite where you found them, and explain what they emphasize in a few sentences)
- ☐ 10 words that create a **clear tone** (list them, cite page numbers, name the tone, and explain why this tone is appropriate at this particular time in the novel)
- ☐ 10 **vocabulary** words worth learning (list them, cite page numbers, look up and copy definitions, and write sentences about the novel which correctly and meaningfully use the words)
- ☐ 10 especially **vivid images** (copy the image, cite page numbers, illustrate each image, label the types)

Question: Discuss the question pertaining to your chapter, then write an organized paragraph (formal, academic tone) **TOGETHER**. These questions ask you for your opinions; therefore, first-person plural pronouns are appropriate (“we,” “us,” “our”).

Ch 11&12: “Ah the great judgment day! . . . Then, and there, before the judgment-seat, they mother, and thou, and I, must stand together. But the daylight of this world shall not see our meeting!” In your opinion, do each of these people deserve harsh judgment? Why (not)?

Ch. 13 &14: For whom do you have the most respect up to this point in the book— Hester, Dimmesdale, or Chillingworth? For whom do you have the most sympathy? Explain your responses.

Ch. 15 &16: Describe the loneliness of Hester— both the loneliness she felt in her marriage and the loneliness she feels raising Pearl on her own. Do you feel sympathetic toward her? Why (not)?

Ch. 17 & 18: Do you support Hester and Dimmesdale’s decision to escape together? What do you hope for them? Explain.